RECEIVED

Attorney's Docket No. 042253/205301

PATENT

CENTRAL FAX CENTER

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAY 2 8 2004

In re:

Short et al.

Confirmation No.: 8830

Appln. No.:

09/693,060

Group No.:

2155

Filed:

10/20/2000

Examiner:

Won, Young N.

For:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING DYNAMIC NETWORK AUTHORIZATION, AUTHENTICATION AND ACCOUNTING

May 28, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

- This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 month to respond to the 1. Office Action dated January 28, 2004.
- Applicant is other than a small entity. a small entity; 2. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)): 3.

Total Months Requested

Fee for Other Than Small Entity

One month

\$55.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$_ is enclosed.

 \boxtimes Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee of \$55.00.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted.

James C. Edwards Registration No. 44,667

Customer No. 00826 ALSTON & BIRD LLP Bank of America Plaza 101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000 Charlotte, NC 28280-4000 Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000 Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office at Fax No. (703) 872-9306 on the date shown below.

May 28, 2004

PAGE 2/18 * RCVD AT 5/28/2004 11:06:55 AM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/1 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:7043316090 * DURATION (mm-ss):04-58

22°00 DU

01 EC:5521